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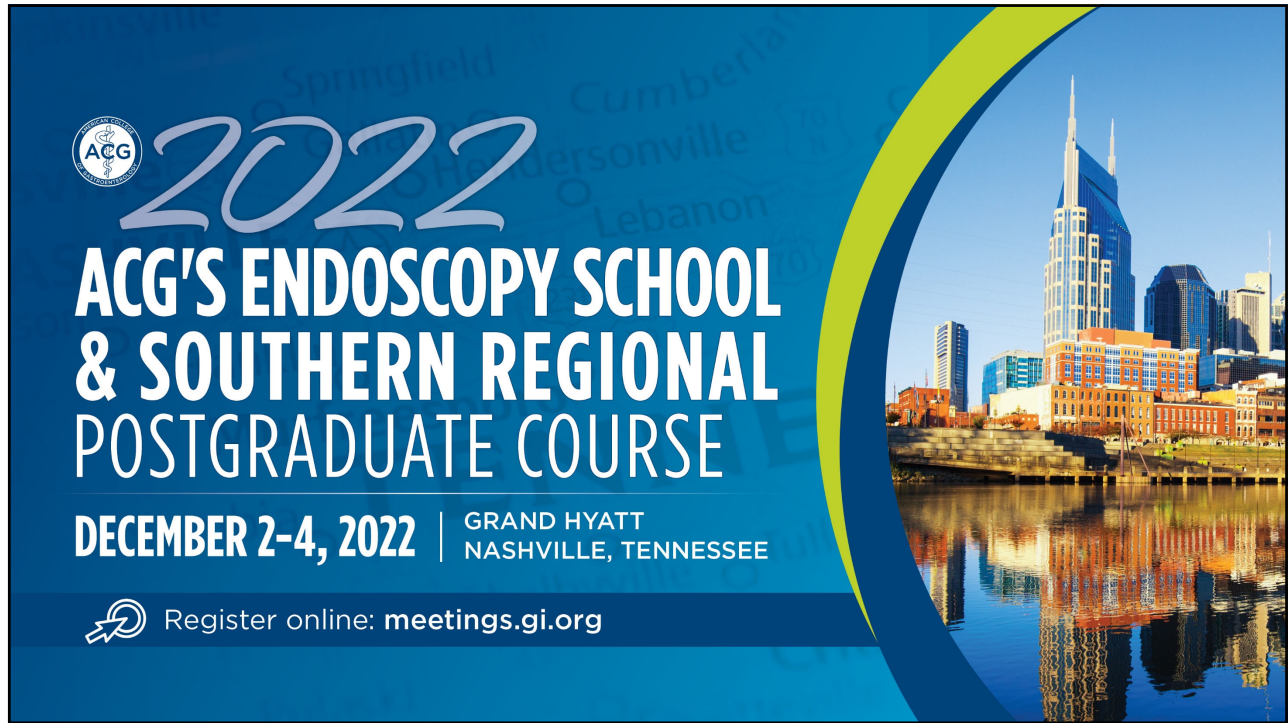
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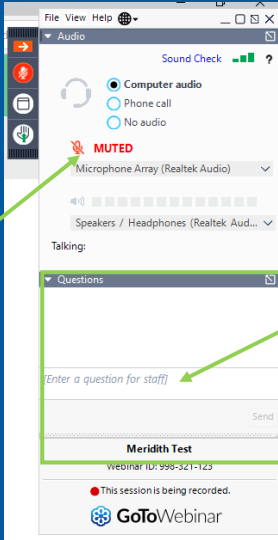
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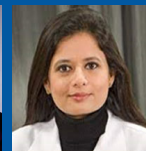
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## *C. difficile* Infection Treatment: What Is New?



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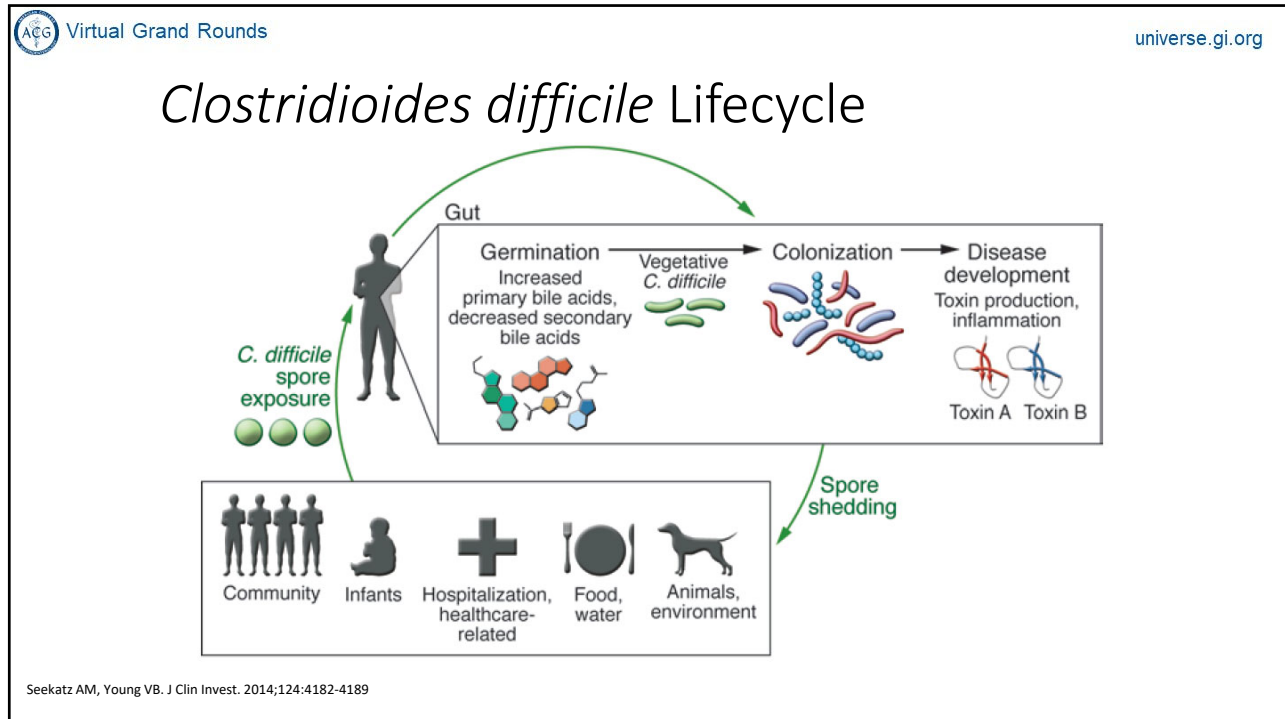
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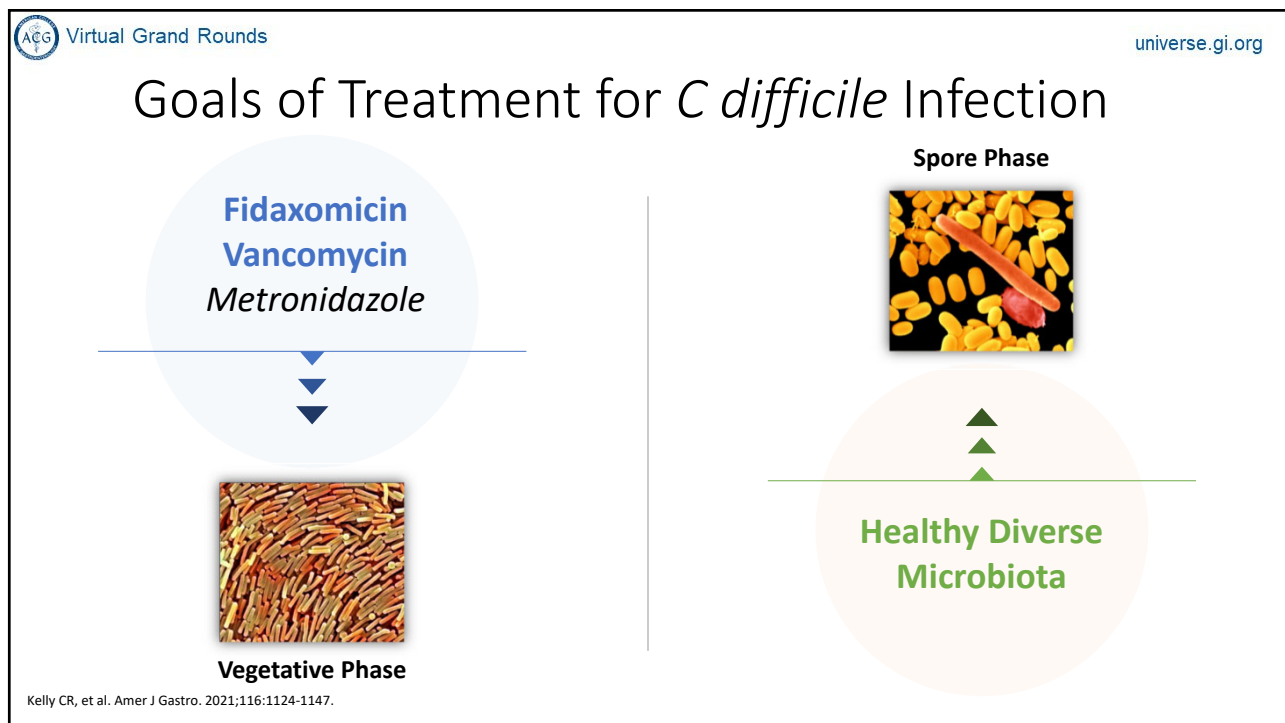
## Learning Objectives

- Goals of treatment of *C. difficile* infection
- New guideline recommendation for the treatment and prevention
  - Antibiotics, microbiome restoration, anti-toxin antibody
- Current indication of FMT in clinical practice
- Availability of FMT and how to refer for FMT?
- How to monitor patient post-FMT?
  - safety outcomes
  - prevention of reinfection
- What to do when FMT fails?
- Role of probiotics?
- What to do with the PPI?
- What's on the horizon in microbiome restoration therapy?

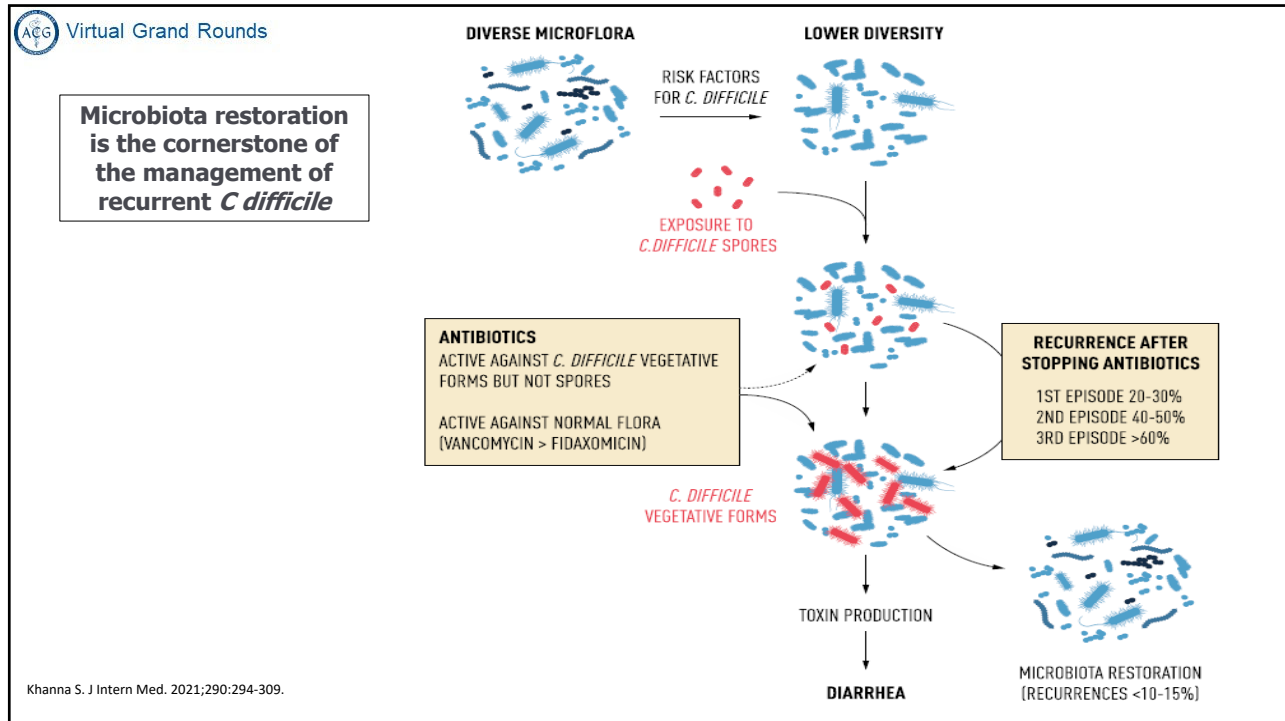
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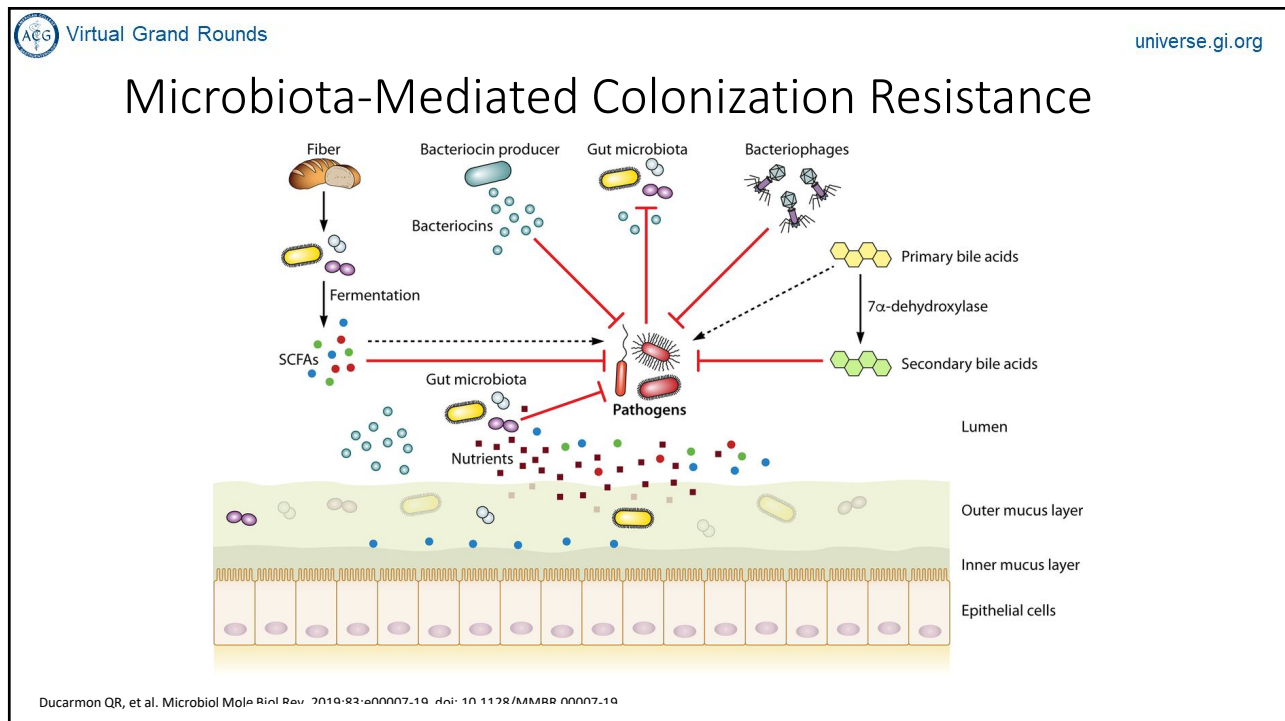
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# Treatment of Initial *C difficile* Infection

• **Bezlotoxumab for Prevention of CDI Recurrence in Patients With High Risk of Recurrence**



Vancomycin or fidaxomicin  
Metronidazole alternate in low-risk

Fidaxomicin preferred over vancomycin  
Metronidazole if above are unavailable

Fidaxomicin\* preferred over vancomycin  
Metronidazole if above are unavailable

\*High risk of recurrence: Age > 65 years + one or more of: healthcare-associated CDI, hospitalization in the last 3 months, concomitant non-CDI antibiotic use, PPI therapy and prior CDI

PPI, proton pump inhibitor  
Kelly C, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2021;116:1124-1147; Johnson S, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021;73:e1029-1044; Van Prehn J, et al. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2021;7:S1-S21.

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## TREATMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON CDI SEVERITY AND PATIENT'S CIRCUMSTANCES

First line therapy: Antibiotics



\$12 for 10 d course



\$78-169 for 10 d course



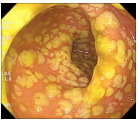
\$4,100 for 10 d course

Good Rx 8/30/21

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## CLASSIFICATION OF CDI SEVERITY


Classification	Definition
Non-severe	Leukocytosis with a WBC <15,000 cells/mL and a serum creatinine level ≤1.5 mg/dL
Severe 	Leukocytosis with a WBC ≥15,000 cells/mL or a serum creatinine level >1.5 mg/dL
Fulminant	Criteria for severe infection, plus hypotension or shock, ileus, or megacolon

Kelly CR, et al. Amer J Gastro. 2021;116:1124-1147. Johnson S, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021;73:e1029-1044

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## Treatment of First Recurrence



Fidaxomicin or vancomycin taper-pulse	Fidaxomicin* preferred over vancomycin taper-pulse	Fidaxomicin* preferred over vancomycin taper-pulse
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• Bezlotoxumab for Prevention of CDI Recurrence


\*Consider extended fidaxomicin regimen

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## Treatment of Multiply Recurrent *C difficile* Infection ≥ 2 recurrences or 3 episodes



Abx → FMT  
Over antibiotic regimens



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Over antibiotic regimens

**Consider Bezlotoxumab for prevention of CDI recurrence (If no FMT)**

Kelly C, et al Am J Gastro 116(6):1124-1147; Johnson S, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021:73:e1029-1044; van Prehn J, Clin Micro Inf Oct 2021

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## Fecal microbiota transplantation

- Instillation of minimally manipulated microbial communities from stool of a healthy donor into a patient's GI tract
- FMT is distinguished from a defined consortia of microorganisms, highlighting the degree of complexity and functionality of the microbiome
- Considered both a "drug" and a "biologic or tissue" by the FDA

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## Regulations: United States

- May use to treat *C. difficile* not responding to standard therapy
- No IND required
- Informed consent
  - State it is investigational
  - Discuss real and theoretical risks
- Draft guidance March 2016
  - Would enforce IND requirement for stool banks



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## FMT and COVID-19

- Initially, material produced after Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 was not eligible for use per FDA
- Openbiome and other stool banks have implemented Sars-Cov-2 screening in asymptomatic donors with NP swabs
- Stool testing is now being implemented for all banked samples
- No reports of transmission of Sars-Cov-2 via FMT to date
- FMT is currently sourced from Openbiome and mostly administered in clinical trials

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## ACG 2021 Guidelines recommendation regarding use of FMT in CDI

**We recommend patients experiencing their second or further recurrence of CDI be treated with FMT to prevent further recurrences**  
(Strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence)

**We suggest repeat FMT for patients experiencing a recurrence of CDI within 8 weeks of an initial FMT**  
(Conditional recommendation, very low quality of evidence)

**We suggest FMT be considered for patients with severe or fulminant CDI refractory to antimicrobial therapy, particularly, when patients are deemed poor surgical candidates**  
(Strong recommendation, low quality of evidence)

• Kelly CR, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2021;116:1124-1147.

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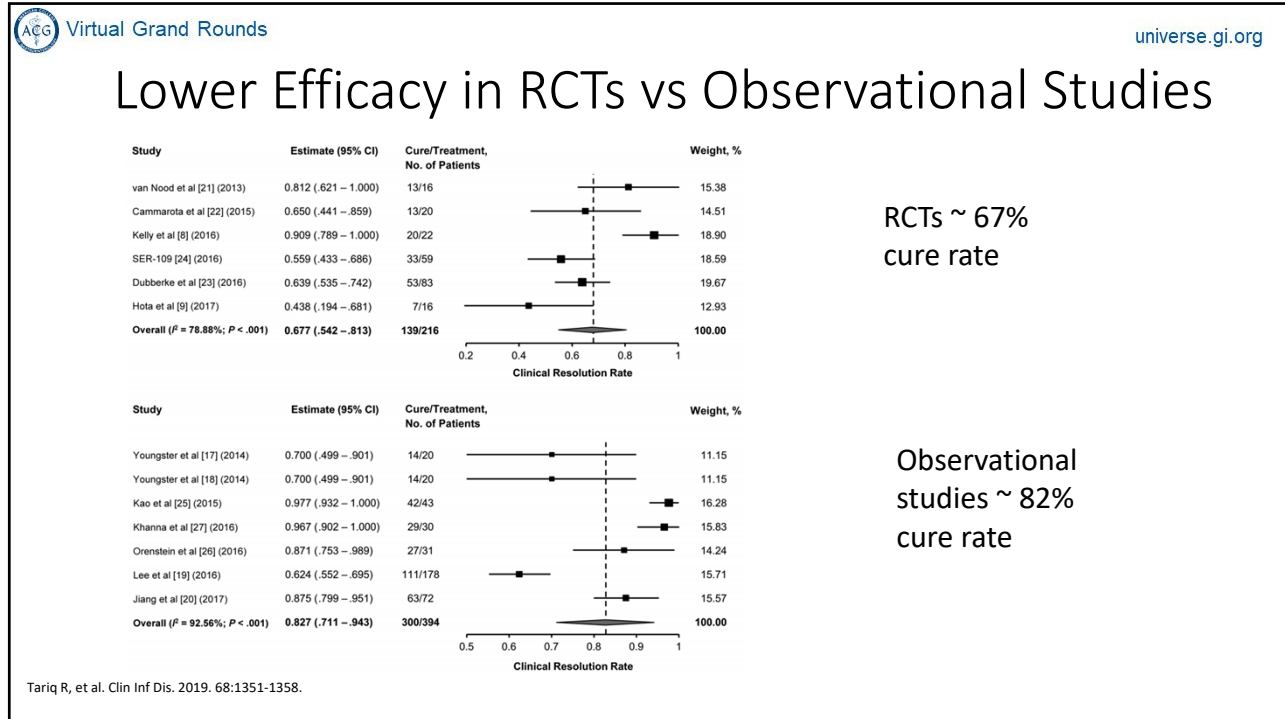
## FMT Efficacy Meta-Analysis

Author	ES (95% CI)	% Weight
Case Series		
Ara 2003 [33]	0.94 (0.70, 1.00)	1.85
Agrawal 2016 [44]	0.83 (0.76, 0.89)	4.81
Alegranti 2014 [42]	0.86 (0.65, 0.97)	2.26
Brandt 2012 [48]	0.91 (0.82, 0.96)	3.94
Costello 2015 [66]	1.00 (0.83, 1.00)	2.13
Dutta 2014 [43]	1.00 (0.87, 1.00)	2.53
Emmanouilidou 2014 [70]	0.70 (0.47, 0.87)	2.32
Fischer 2016 [59]	0.81 (0.77, 0.85)	5.29
Garc 2015 [34]	0.83 (0.52, 0.98)	1.52
Geisberg 2013 [25]	0.82 (0.47, 0.93)	3.08
Hamilton 2012 [60]	0.95 (0.84, 0.99)	3.18
Kassam 2012 [61]	0.93 (0.76, 0.99)	2.53
Kelly 2012 [26]	0.92 (0.75, 0.99)	2.48
Kelly 2014 [26]	0.85 (0.76, 0.92)	4.02
Khan 2014 [62]	1.00 (0.83, 1.00)	2.13
Kronman 2015 [45]	1.00 (0.89, 1.00)	1.34
Lee 2014 [63]	0.86 (0.76, 0.92)	4.17
MacCormack 2009 [64]	0.80 (0.52, 0.96)	1.77
Maitla 2012 [47]	0.84 (0.66, 0.98)	3.63
Patel 2013 [46]	0.97 (0.83, 1.00)	2.68
Patlak 2014 [65]	1.00 (0.74, 1.00)	1.52
Rea 2014 [27]	1.00 (0.83, 1.00)	2.13
Rothbar 2010 [38]	1.00 (0.83, 1.00)	2.13
Rubin 2013 [56]	0.79 (0.68, 0.87)	3.91
Satohara 2015 [40]	0.96 (0.86, 1.00)	3.36
Tauze 2016 [66]	0.87 (0.70, 0.96)	2.73
Vignar 2014 [72]	0.97 (0.83, 1.00)	2.68
Yoon 2010 [41]	1.00 (0.74, 1.00)	1.52
Youngster 2014 [28]	0.90 (0.68, 0.99)	2.13
Zareh 2015 [67]	0.79 (0.49, 0.95)	1.69
Subtotal (I <sup>2</sup> =64.82%, P<.00)	0.92 (0.89, 0.95)	81.47
RCT		
Alegranti 2016 [32]	0.95 (0.74, 1.00)	2.06
Cammarota 2015 (FMT arm) [23]	0.90 (0.68, 0.99)	2.13
Kao 2016 [28]	0.95 (0.84, 0.99)	3.18
Kelly 2016 (donor FMT arm) [27]	0.95 (0.77, 1.00)	2.26
Lee 2016 (both FMT arms of RCT) [24]	0.88 (0.83, 0.92)	4.81
Van Nood 2013 (FMT arm of RCT) [22]	0.94 (0.76, 1.00)	1.85
Youngster 2014 (both FMT arms) [71]	0.90 (0.68, 0.99)	2.13
Subtotal (I <sup>2</sup> =0.0%, P=.93)	0.91 (0.88, 0.94)	18.53
Heterogeneity: between groups: P=.790		
Overall (I <sup>2</sup> =58.70%, P<.00)	0.92 (0.89, 0.94)	100.00

- 37 studies
  - 7 RCT
  - 30 Case series
- FMT overall effectiveness of 92%
- FMT more effective than Vancomycin taper for recurrent/refractory CDI
- Lower administration more effective than upper administration
- No difference between fresh and frozen FMT

Quraishi et al. Alim Pharm & Ther. Sep;46(5):479-493. 2017

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## Referral for FMT

**Step 1:**  
Start an antibiotic to bring active symptoms under control

- Diarrhea improves in 3 to 5 days but risk of recurrence after 3 episodes is ~ 60%

**Step 2:**  
Discuss recurrence prevention: Restore microbiome

- Initiate referral to a center / specialist performing microbiome restoration
  - Fecal microbiota transplantation
  - Clinical trials of microbiome restoration therapies
- Majority of patients will be discharged prior to getting microbiome restoration

**Step 3:**  
Prescribe enough antibiotic until specialist appointment

- Vancomycin or fidaxomicin for 10 to 14 days
- Taper down antibiotics to lowest effective dose either once a day or once every other day

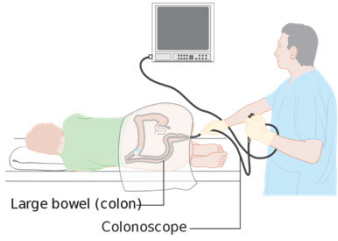


Voth E, et al. Expert Rev Anti Infect Ther. 2020;18:669-676.

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## FMT Mode of Delivery

- Colonoscopy:
  - preferred in younger patients
  - unclear risk factors for CDI, can rule out IBD
  - upper GI dysfunction, dysmotility
  - Fulminant infection, ileus
- Capsules:
  - Preferred in most patients
  - Ease of administration
  - No sedation/procedure related complication
  - No bowel prep needed
  - More cost effective
- Enema: If other methods are unavailable

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## Guideline Recommendations for Fulminant CDI

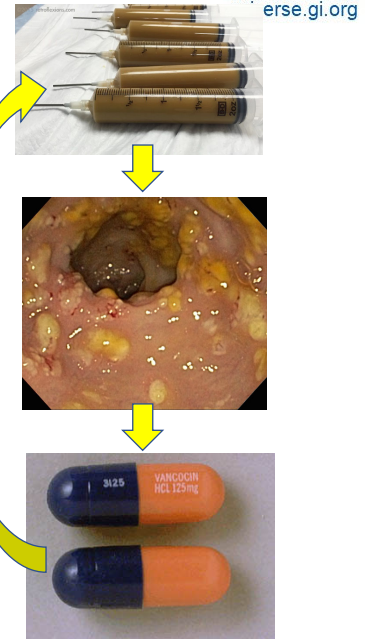
Guideline	Recommended Treatment
ACG	Multidisciplinary approach with surgical consultation Vancomycin 500 mg orally every 6 hours for first 48-72 hours Combination therapy with parenteral metronidazole 500 mg every 8 hours <b>With ileus:</b> Addition of vancomycin enemas (500 mg every 6 hours) may be beneficial Consider IV tigecycline and FMT when refractory
ESCMID	Multidisciplinary approach with surgical consultation Vancomycin or fidaxomicin Consider IV tigecycline and FMT when refractory
IDSA	Multidisciplinary approach with surgical consultation Vancomycin 500 mg 4 x daily by mouth or by nasogastric tube. If ileus, consider adding rectal instillation of vancomycin. Intravenously administered metronidazole (500 mg q 8 hours) administered together with oral or rectal vancomycin, particularly if ileus is present

Kelly C, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2021;116:1124-1147; Johnson S, et al. Clin Infect Dis 2021;73:e1029-1044; Van Prehn J, et al. Clin Microbiol Infect. 2021;7:S1-S21.

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# FMT for Severe and Fulminant CDI

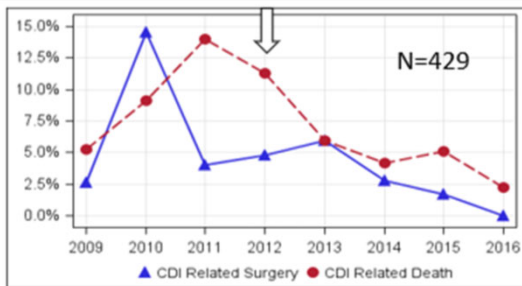
- Consider for patients with severe and fulminant CDI refractory to antibiotics, particularly poor surgical candidates
  - Cure will likely require multiple FMTs + vancomycin or fidaxomicin
  - Pseudomembrane-driven FMT protocols



Fischer M. Aliment Pharm Thera 2015; Ianiro Aliment Pharmacol Thera 2018  
 Kelly C, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2021;116:1124-1147

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## Inpatient FMT program decreases mortality and colectomy rate: IU experience



	Before FMT program	After FMT program	P-Value
CDI-Related Mortality, n (%)	21 (10.2%)	10 (4.5%)	0.021
CDI-Related Colectomy, n (%)	14 (6.8%)	6 (2.7%)	0.042

## Pseudomembrane-driven FMT protocol for severe/fulminant CDI in the ICU, New York

A retrospective, matched cohort study of 48 patients

Outcomes	FMT	SOC	OR, 95% CI	P value
Death during admission (%)	3 (18.8%)	16 (50.0%)	0.23 (0.06-0.97)	.045
Colectomy during admission (%)	2 (12.5%)	3 (9.4%)	0.76 (0.11-5.08)	.77
Repeat CDI (%) <sup>a</sup>	3 (23.1%)	3 (18.8%)	1.30 (0.22-7.87)	.78
Readmission (%) <sup>a</sup>	8 (61.5%)	13 (81.3%)	0.37 (0.07-1.98)	.24

Cheng CGH 2020, Tixier Aliment.Pharmacol Ther 2019

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## FMT decreases 90-day mortality and risk for blood stream infections in patients with CDI

Overall survival at 90 d in 57 patients treated with FMT compared with 57 patients treated with antibiotics matched by propensity score.

	Treated With FMT	Treated With Antibiotics
<b>Patients, n</b>	57	57
<b>Primary outcomes, n (%)</b>		
BSI	2 (4)	15 (26)
Polymicrobial*	0 (0)	0 (0)
Bacterial	2 (4)	8 (14)
Fungal	0 (0)	7 (12)
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>		
Length of hospitalization	–	–
Mean (SD), d	13.4 (13.7)	27.8 (17.6)
Median (interquartile range), d	9 (2-21)	22 (14-40)
Overall survival at 90 d	–	–
Alive after 90 d, n (%)	51 (89)	33 (58)
Total deaths within 90 d, n (%)	6 (11)	22 (39)
Deaths in days 0-30, n	3	15
Deaths in days 31-90, n	3	7

At risk, n

	0	30	60	90
FMT	57	51	46	43
Antibiotic treatment	57	31	24	22

Shaded areas are 95% CIs. FMT = fecal microbiota transplantation.

Ianiro. Annals of Internal Medicine. 2019

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## FMT in fulminant CDI

- No bowel prep in patients with ileus/toxic megacolon
- Banked FMT material helps with logistics
- Colonoscopy can be safely performed with CO2 insufflation
- Deliver FMT beyond splenic flexure
- May use vancomycin or fidaxomicin
- FMT can be repeated q 3-5 days depending on clinical course
- Finish protocol with FMT
- Ensure proper disinfection of patient room

Fischer Gut Microbes 2016, Cheng CGH 2020

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## Adverse Events After Fecal Microbiota Transplant

• Long-term effects of fecal transplant are unknown

Transient constipation, diarrhea, discomfort	New medical conditions reported: single case reports	Infection transmission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post-infection irritable bowel syndrome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Peripheral neuropathy</li> <li>▪ Sjogren syndrome</li> <li>▪ Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura</li> <li>▪ Rheumatoid arthritis</li> <li>▪ Obesity</li> <li>▪ Microscopic colitis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ESBL E coli</li> <li>▪ Shiga toxin producing E coli</li> </ul>

• ESBL, extended spectrum beta-lactamase.  
 • Brandt LJ, et al, Am J Gastroenterol. 2012;107:1079-87; Saha S, et al. Gastroenterology. 2021;160:1961-1969.e3.

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## Long-term adverse events after multiply CDI and FMT

• Reassuring data from national claims database

- Retrospective cohort study using national commercial claims database
- Comparing outcomes of patients with non-mrCDI (N=124,068), mrCDI\* (N=3692) without FMT and mrCDI with FMT (N=1165)
- Average follow-up: 2-2.5 years
- Relative to those with CDI, mrCDI and mrCDI with FMT was NOT associated with higher risk of HTN, DM, immune-mediated diseases or IBS
- Interestingly, FMT was associated with higher incidence of MI (aHR 1.68; 1.01-2.81) but not stroke; could not adjust for obesity or smoking

Dawwas et al. CGH 2022 Apr;20(4):806-816.e6

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## Patient discharge-education

**1 Anti-*C.diff* antibiotic**

- Do not continue

**2 Do not “test for cure”**

Diagnostic stewardship

**3 Antibiotic stewardship**

- Most vulnerable period: 8 weeks post FMT
- Prophylaxis: No role for probiotic or vancomycin

**4 Home disinfection**

- EPA approved sporicidal agents

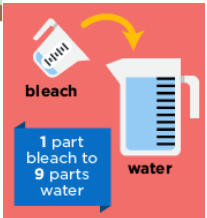
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## After FMT... How to prevent *C. diff* reinfection?

- Spores can survive at room temperature up to 6 months and resistant to alcohol
- Use EPA approved sporicidal agents for home cleaning
- >40% of floors in commercial building, private homes, shoe soles are contaminated
- Wash hands with soap, clean with bleach, and take off your shoes!






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## What to do if FMT fails 2x?

- Prefer colonoscopic delivery to rule out underlying pathology (IBD, microscopic colitis)
- Re-evaluate for causes
  - Repeated antibiotic use
  - Recurrent hospitalization
  - Improper home disinfection
  - Underlying IBD, immunodeficiency (CVID)
- Distinguish between infection and colonization
  - High incidence of post-infection IBS
- Repeat FMT, consider bidirectional FMT
- Consider long-term, low dose vancomycin prophylaxis

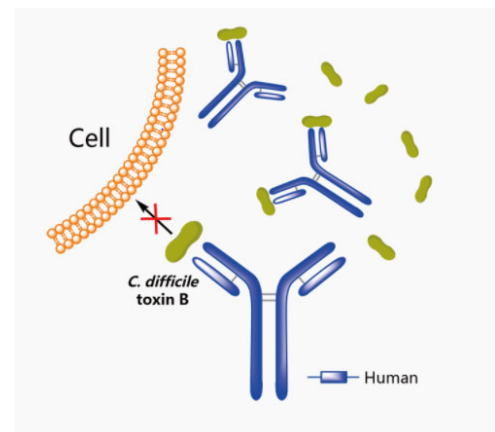
### Testing outcome

GDH- or PCR - = negative  
 GDH+ EIA- PCR - = nontoxicogenic *C. diff*  
 GDH+ EIA+ = infection  
 GDH+ EIA- PCR+ = likely colonization

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## Immunotherapy: Bezlotoxumab

- IgG monoclonal antibody to toxin B
  - Single dose infusion 10mg/kg (~\$4000)
  - MODIFY I/II: Recurrence: 16-17% vs 26-28% with placebo (NNT=10)
- Consider for prevention of CDI recurrence in patients who are at high risk of recurrence
- Recommended Patient Population:  $\geq 65$  years with at least one of these additional risk factors:
  - 2nd episode of CDI within the past 6 months
  - Immunocompromised
  - Severe CDI




Caution in patients with a history of heart failure or severe underlying cardiovascular comorbidities

Wilcox MC NEJM 2017

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## No role for Probiotics in CDI



- PLACIDE Trial (Primary Prevention)
  - 2981 hospitalized, elderly patients in UK probiotics (4 strains) vs placebo
  - No difference in rate of AAD or CDI recurrence between groups
- Recent system-wide multicenter US study (Primary Prevention)
  - A 13 months long intervention of prescribing a 3-strain probiotic mixture (Bio-K+) to hospitalized patients age > 50 y on systemic antibiotics showed no impact in CDI incidence
- PICO Trial (Secondary Prevention)
  - Initial mild-to-moderate CDI on anti-CDI therapy randomized 33 patients to 4-strain probiotics or placebo. No difference in rates of CDI recurrence
- Not tightly regulated/Not risk free
  - Infections in immunocompromised patients
  - May impede normal recolonization after antibiotics
  - Expensive
- **ACG 2021 guidelines: “Recommend AGAINST the use of probiotics for both primary and secondary prevention of CDI”.**
- **AGA 2020 guidelines: “In patients with *C difficile* infection, we recommend the use of probiotics only in the context of a clinical trial.”**

ACG 2021 Guidelines. Kelly C, et al Am J Gastro 116(6):1124-1147. AGA guidelines on probiotics in GI disorder 2020. Su, G et al. Gastroenterology 2020;159:697–705

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## Should PPI be discontinued?

- Do NOT recommend discontinuation, provided there is a valid indication for use
  - Assess patients for appropriateness of therapy and unnecessary PPIs should be discontinued
- Associations between PPI use and CDI in cohort studies (heterogeneity, unknown confounders, lack of dose-response relationships)
  - General population NNH (range, 899-3925)
  - Hospitalized patients not on antibiotics NNH (range, 202-367)
  - Hospitalized patients on antibiotics NNH (range, 28-50)
- Large RCT of 17,000 patients on ASA or rivaroxaban randomized to pantoprazole or placebo for 3 years did not show significant risk of CDI associated with PPI
  - 9 CDI in PPI group, 4 in control group (NS)\*

Kelly C, et al Am J Gastro 116(6):1124-1147, \*Moayyedi P Gastroenterol 2019


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## On the Horizon: Live Biotherapeutic Products (LBPs) in development for prevention of recurrence in multiply recurrent CDI

- RBX2660 (donor stool product, administered via enema)


Stool



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Enema bag




61-67%  
(PUNCH-CD2)  
70.4%  
(PUNCH-CD3)
- SER-109 (isolated Firmicutes spores, encapsulated)


Stool




Ethanol



Suspension




Capsules




56%  
(ECOSPOR)  
87.6%  
(ECOSPORE III)
- CP101 (full spectrum, lyophilized microbiota, encapsulated)


Stool




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Lyophilization




Capsules



74.5%  
(PRISM3)
- VE303 (8 clonal human commensal bacterial strains, encapsulated)





86.2%  
(Phase 2)

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## Take Home Points

- New guideline recommendation for CDI therapy
- Vancomycin and fidaxomicin equally recommended by ACG guidelines
- Metronidazole should be considered only for initial episode, non-severe infection, low risk patient
- FMT is the most effective therapy for recurrent disease
  - Consider for primary severe/refractory and fulminant CDI
- Only indication of FMT without an IND is “CDI not responding to standard of care antibiotic therapy”
- Refer to an FMT center, continue anti-CDI antibiotic therapy until appointment
- Post FMT follow up: infection control, minimize antibiotics, no role for probiotics, continue PPI if clinically indicated
- Consider bezlotoxumab for patients at high risk for recurrence and/or after FMT failure
- Near future: LBPs for prevention of recurrence

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